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Applicants:	El-Sherbeini, M and Azzolina, B		
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For:	MRAY GENE AND ENZYME OF PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA		
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 22, 2004.

In the event that there are any additional fees associated with this Amendment, they may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

In response to the Office Action of December 22, 2003 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

By Merck & Co., Inc. Date 3/22/04